

REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action mailed September 30, 2005. Claims 14, 6-9, 11, 16, 17, and 20-27 have been amended. Claims 1-27 remain pending in this case. Reconsideration of the present case is earnestly requested in light of the following remarks.

Section 102 Rejections

Claims 1-2, 5-11, 15-20, 22, and 24-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Swanberg et al. (2002/0155893, "Swanberg"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection in light of the following remarks.

Regarding claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that Swanberg fails to disclose *wherein an icon is displayed on the display specific to an interface of a memory card inserted into the card reader*. Applicant further submits that Swanberg nowhere discloses memory card interfaces.

In further regard to claim 1, Applicant also submits that Swanberg fails to disclose *wherein the card reader reports the interface of the memory card inserted into the card reader*. Swanberg nowhere discloses the card reader reporting the interface of the memory card.

Thus, for at least the reasons provided above, Applicant submits that Swanberg fails to teach all the features and limitations of claim 1, and so Applicant submits that claim 1, and those claims dependent therefrom, are patentably distinct and non-obvious over the cited art, and are thus allowable.

Regarding claim 4, Applicant respectfully submits that Swanberg fails to disclose *wherein the card reader reports a device identification specific to the interface of the memory card inserted into the card reader*. In the previous Office Action, the Examiner cites paragraph 52 of Swanberg. A pertinent portion of this paragraph recites:

The base software resident on the local computer's internal storage accesses the smart card reader/writer 26 to establish a communication session with the smart card. The base software running in the user's computer 27 determines in decision block 52 whether or not a card is being read by the reader/writer 26 by checking the unique card code and general card ID. As these two numbers are related for a given card type, it is possible to decide whether or not a fraudulent card might be inserted in the card reader 26.

In this section, Swanberg described various IDs, i.e., the general card ID and the unique card code, being read from the card reader. Applicant submits that these IDs are related to the game type and specific card number of that game type, e.g., a baseball card might be labeled as card type 1, i.e., baseball, and unique ID 4036, i.e., Roger Clemens's number. In paragraph [0053], Swanberg states, "the base software reads the general card ID to identify which game is associated with the card". Applicant respectfully submits that these IDs are not device identifications, and further, as argued above, Swanberg nowhere discloses reporting information specific to the interface of the memory card. Thus, Swanberg fails to disclose *wherein the card reader reports a device identification specific to the interface of the memory card inserted into the card reader*.

Thus, for at least the reasons provided above, Applicant submits that Swanberg fails to teach all the features and limitations of claim 4, and so Applicant submits that claim 4, and those claims dependent therefrom, are patentably distinct and non-obvious over the cited art, and are thus allowable.

Claim 11 includes similar limitations as claims 1 and 4, and so the above arguments apply with equal force to this claim. Applicant notes that claim 11 further includes the limitation *connecting a card reader to a host controller when a memory card is inserted into the card reader*. Applicant also notes that the Examiner nowhere addresses this limitation in the Office Action, and further, Applicant submits that Swanberg nowhere discloses this limitation. Thus, for at least the reasons provided above, Applicant submits that claim 11, and those claims respectively dependent therefrom, are patentably distinct and non-obvious, and are thus allowable.

Regarding claim 22, similar to the arguments above regarding claims 1, 4, and 11, Applicant respectfully submits that Swanberg fails to disclose the computer accessible memory medium is operable to *receive a device identification, from the host controller, specific to the format of a memory card inserted into the card reader*. Applicant further submits that Swanberg fails to mention device identifications specific to the format of a memory card at all. Thus, for at least the reasons provided above, Applicant submits that Swanberg fails to teach all the features and limitations of claim 22, and so Applicant submits that claim 22 and those claims dependent therefrom are patentably distinct and non-obvious over the cited art, and are thus allowable.

Section 103 Rejections

Claims 3, 12-14, 21, 23, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Swanberg in view of Bilich et al. (5,877,483, "Bilich").

Applicant submits that since the independent claims 1, 11, and 22 have been shown to be distinct and non-obvious over the cited art, the dependent claims rejected under section 103 are also distinct and non-obvious.

Applicant also submits that numerous ones of the dependent claims recite further distinctions over the cited art. However, since the rejection has been shown to be unsupported for the independent claims, a further discussion of the dependent claims is not necessary at this time.

Removal of the rejection of claims 1-3 and 5-27 is therefore requested.

CONCLUSION

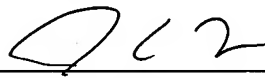
Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5707-06300/JCH.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

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